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SUBJECT: ARAB LEAGUE ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA AND SUDAN

REF: A. STATE 79853

- B. TRIPOLI 566 Classified By: Minister Counselor for Economic and Political Affairs Donald A. Blome for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).
- 1.(C) Key Points: -- The Arab League (AL) pledged USD 18 million to Somalia during its Doha Summit in January 2009, which supersedes any commit
 - 2.(C) Comment: Our Darfuri contacts have always scoffed at the AL's role in Sudan insisting that it is biased toward Khartoum and never provide
 - 3.(C) Zeid Al Sabban, African affairs advisor to AL SYG Moussa, told us on August 12 that the AL pledged USD 18 million to Somalia during its s
 - 4.(C) Al Sabban said the AL is committed to Somalia, noting the League is the only organization with an Ambassador currently in Mogadishu. SYG
 - 5.(C) Al Sabban said SYG Moussa discouraged Qatari Emir Hamad from supporting Al Shibaab through Eritrea, a charge the Emir emphatically denied
 - 6.(C) Al Sabban said the AL was trying to change the perceptions of Darfuris toward the League by providing direct development assistance, and
 - 7.(C) Al Sabban highlighted the need for a plan to coordinate an end to the conflict in Darfur. He noted the efforts of the USG had stabilized